## Huston Has Laugh on Baseball Critics

Yanks a "Dead Horse," Writer Told "Cap" When He Bought Them.

"\$500,000 FOR BUNCH OF LIABILITIES"

"Wait Until 1916" Was the New Magnate's Retort-Now He's Chuckling.

between him and Colonel Jacob Rup-American League franchise off the hands of Frank Farrell. The good cap tain arranged the dinner so that his introduced to the New York Chapter of the baseball writers. "Cap" himself nceded no introduction. He had been browsing around major league pastures

"Captain," said Irvin S. Cobb, at the conclusion of an impromptu address, feel sorry for you and the Here, after weeks in which you had plenty of time to disappear, you have let Ban Johnson and his colleagues unload a dead horse at your doorstep. Five hundred thousand dollars for Fritz Maisel and a bunch of

lery, how fairly he hit the nail on the Certainly the captain never dreamed so much philosophy could be clonked in jest. Some months later the truth seeped home. Day after day he saw the Carroll Browns, Jack Warhops, Marty McHales, King Coles and Ray Keatings out on the hill against Leonards, Shores, Woods, Johnsons,

### Cobb Justified.

Day after day he saw the Ed Sweeeys of his club pitted against the Ray

knew Irvin S. Cobb had said a lot.

It was during one of the most disastrous slumps of his club, just about a year ago this time, that Captain T. L. Huston again gathered to the festive board those friends of the former celebration. Some one recalled Cobb's remarks of the previous winter.

"I'll admit I'm licked," said the captain, abashed. "Did you ever see such a collection masquerading in big league uniforms?

"But 1916," he continued, "is another "But 1916," he continued, "is another year. You have the laugh on me now. I'll have the laugh on you twelve I'll have the laugh on you twelve months hence, mark my word. If I don't, well—you can take my interest for nothing!" (Loud choruses of "Not for nothing!" (Loud choruses of "Not on your life!" "Have a heart!" "I

There were mentioned at that time—not for publication—a few names that bore little significance to Captain Huston's auditors. George Mogridge was a name that passed lightly round the table. Frank Gilhooley elicited a titter of derision. In self-defence the captain sprung Al Walters, Allen Russell, Urban Shocker, Cliff Markle, Alexander, Miller, Tim Hendryx and a flock of others. To his auditors they were names—mere names. A draft list would have commanded quite as much attention.

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Dogers To-day and the practical property countered table. Frank Gilhed-defence the cape and the property countered table. Frank Gilhed-defence the cape and the property countered the

thought the merchandise fit for the bargain counter. The colonel and the captain were still bargain hunting captain were still bargain hunting. They arrived early and got first pick of the damaged goods. Lee Magee, Nick Cullop and Joe Gedeon joined Donovan's army in training.

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The liberality of the New York owners (now reaping its just reward) more than any other one thing has been responsible for the great success of the American League this season. The crowning achievement was the purchase from Connie Mack of Home Run Baker. That rounded out a ball club, a real ball club, the first in ten years that had represented the American League in this city.

was out. With an even break in the luck the club might have come back still in the lead instead of being apparently out of it. There might have been a different story, even, if Ray Coldwell had behaved.

New York made the American League's banner year possible through assembling a club of such ability and spirit. Had there been one saffron taint in any quarter the sponge would have been in the ring ere this. New York, the best attraction now in the whole circuit, would have been counted out for the year—possibly for years. But the team's grit, as well as ability, has won for it 4 host of new friends and admirers. For the first time in history the Yankees now are established in the hearts and affections of local fandom as strongly as ever were the Giants.

By W. J. MACBETH.

Captain T. L. Huston was presiding

the Giants.

"A baseball team," McGraw once said, "is no stronger than its substitutes." There you have another answer to Yankee success. Donovan has able substitutes or he never could have kept so close to the Red Sox in the face of so many injuries. He may not have the best substitutes the game has known. But every one is willing at all times to do his level best wherever placed. No one should expect more.

## Paddy and Charley.

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In the present wonderful stand against supposedly stronger Western clubs—a stand that has the Yankees once more feared in all quarters—no two have done more than Paddy Baumann and Charley Mullen. Baumann failed in the outfield, but always gave the best that was in him. He is vindicating himself at third base. He's not a Home Run Baker, but he's a Paddy Baumann, and that's pretty nearly as good as they come.

Mullen, several times tried, disappointed. But he did not allow himself to become discouraged. He was a dead leftfield hitter. He plugged away assiduously until he had mastered the trick of hitting to right field. It will take some tall hustling by Joe Gedeon to drive that fellow off second. And in justice to Gedeon it must be said he has been a very sick ball player most of the year. Often he stuck to his guns when he should have been in bed.

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At the start of the season Hughie High came into calculation only as a substitute. The injuries to Maisel and Gilhooley gave him his chance. High is the best outfielder on the club today and one of the very best in the league. He is a .300 hitter to boot. It is the spirit of the Yankees reflected in High, Mullen, Baumann and the other men who were carried as substitutes that has made of the club the glory that it is in the hearts of local fandom.

During the recent visit of Cleveland Captain Huston and Tris Speaker did a little fanning while engaged in a game

Vrban Shocker

Sure to Lose

Rain and Lack of Public Interest

Have Combined to Lessen

Receipts.

the closing date for most of the little

"HURRY UP" YOST

SOUNDS HURRY CALL

Ann Arbor, Mich., Aug. 26.—"Hurry Up" Yost has issued his call to candi-dates for Michigan's 1916 football

Lot of Money

Crees and his Doc Cooks before the of golf.

Bar of judgment with the Tris Speak-bar of judgment with the Tris Speak-crs and the Joe Jacksons. And he ers and the Joe Jacksons. And he knew Irvin S. Cobb had said a lot.

Row Irvin S. Cobb had said a lot.

Sure to Los

rivals; a manager who can smile at luck that would drive another to the gas route—none of these need sym-

# Dogers To-day

to be pressed into service in the West.

It was a ruinous trip through the West last time. Only four games won in eighteen played. But not one of the defeats was admitted until the last man Hanson, the battling Dane.

These Players Are Keeping the Yanks in the Pennant Race



Alexander.

For pitchers have a way like that; But whether fast or whether slow, Or whether thin or whether fat, When it comes down to one alone Who holds his rule above the throng, Step out, old boy, and grab the throne, For you belong.

Pitchers may come or pitchers go;

Pitchers may flash or pitchers fade, As pitchers do along the way, Or whether born or whether made, Still held as rulers of the fray; But when it comes to romping through The rival field from town to town, Step out, old dog, and get your due, You own the crown.

Western clubs in the American League that were looking upon the Yanks as a succulent dish are now said to The majority of the minor leagues have large, ingrowing pains in the vicinity of the abdominal are nearing the end of their seasons, region.

## At Forest Hills. \_

Johnston, Williams, McLoughlin, Kumagae-there are circuits being set for Labor Day or many other good ones, but one from this quartet is pretty soon afterward. As the year has been one of the "bloomer" variety, there are sure to be on top when the last match is finished and likely to be few tears shed by the another American championship has been established. bush" magnates when the final cur- There was disappointment expressed some time ago that

An argument was started a day or two ago as to the game or two to the good.

After all this discussion as to whether Boston, Chicago or St. Louis would bound coyly away with the pennant, what | Craw a tidy little opening is left for Detroit to operate one of those September finishes and upset the entire pail of dope! The best tip in Detroit's favor is that no one has picked

## "It Never Can Happen Again"——

A golfer had a two foot putt With which to win a hole; And when he missed he just said-"Tut-How very droll".

September gives promise of being quite a month—as nonths go. What with the finish in the two major leagues. the finish of the tennis championship and the golf championship, Mr. Welsh moving over a twenty-round route and a number of or and ends, the first autumnal session, should take its place of the big month of the year.

## Maxims of the 19th Hole.

He that for the second time pitches his mashle shot into a deep pond shall come upon words his vocabulary

And the beatch army in the great war shall know far more of the bills and joy of life.

## The Red Sox Chance.

In response to at least one or two earnest queries about the Red Sox chance in the American League, this dope only seems available—to have anything better than an even break, the Red Sog must start West in September four games to the good. Otherwise the journeying will be all to the rough.

Here is an example, relayed. On her last Western trip club can be expected to win from leading rivals on a hostile field. Yet the Red Sox in this drive found the Browns five games closer through the inability of the other Eastern clubs to win on the road. Yanks, Nationals and Athletics have all played poorly

in the West this season. They may do quite a bit better. but this improvement will hardly be sufficient to help Boston if she is forced to face her last long trip only a

A pennant race, or two pennant races, that has or have been as replete with opsets and sharp changes as the 1916 campaign has shown is beyond any earthly dope, barring that dope which wisely picks the two leaders until some one else arrives at the top.

Which recalls the fact that Harvard has come fairly out of the .300 class for the first time in several campaigns.

Athletics close to ruling the lawn tennis field, with such entries as | The Trappe Thunderbolt still has a chance to hammer his The one remaining chance for Wrenn, Whitman, Wright, Clothier, Ward and Williams, way across the great divide, but art is long and time is who have held at least half the championships in the last fleeting, as one of our leading baseball writers once put

### UMPIRE TOO CLEVER MORAN LANDS STAR PITCHER IN ZINN FOR WHITE SOX PILOT

"The most curious decision I ever Philadelphia, Aug. 26 .- Manager

## QUAKER CITY PLAYERS APPEAL TO JENNINGS

Philadelphia, Aug. 26.-Hughey Jensaw given by an umpire was when I Moran of the Phillies has landed nings, who takes kindly to Philadel-

# Hornsby Trailing Daubert

Average to .324-Davey

Robertson Fourth.

Speaker Slumps with Bat

Ty Cobb Gains Three Cardinal Shortstop Boosts Points on Cleveland Centre Fielder.

Ty Cobb picked up three points on Any one of half a dozen or more Na. Tris Speaker during the last week in tional League batters may carry of the duel for the batting championship that league's batting crown this season, of the major leagues. Within the Jake Daubert, the disabled first base. seven days Sir Tristram fell away man of the Robins, anxiously nurses from 389 to 384. The Georgian Peach his lead with his charley-horse as anslumped also, but only two points - other week swings around. Daubert is from .356 to .354. Cobb, the habitual setting the pace in his inactivity with champion, therefore, is only thirty the round sum of .325, but there are points behind Cleveland's miracle man, one or two others who have him a bit

Joe Jackson, of the White Sox, how- Hornsby, the brilliant young infielder ever, seems bent on having something developed by the St. Louis Cardinals to say about this year's batting crown. this year, is giving Jake the scare of Jackson clings tenaciously to the coat his life just now. Hornsby is only one tails of the Georgian. He has shown scant percentage point below the cap-.351 for the season against Cobb's .354, tain of the Robins. He has boosted his

and Joe shows further no disposition to crack under the strain.

Charley Mullen, the handy man of Bill Donovan's infield, who seems about to establish himself permanently at second base, is the best hitter of the Yankees. Mullen's .324 for fortytwo games gives him fourth rating in his company. He is the only .300 hitter of the Yanks. Hughie High, thirteenth in league rating, has hit for .295. Nunamaker is hitting .291, Alexander .290 and Al Walters .280. Nothing better than this could be expected from a catching staff.

Following are the records of players who have batted .200 or better in fifteen or more games up to and including those of Thursday last:

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

PITCHING RECORDS

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IN WORLD'S SERIES
IN WORLD'S Johnson clubs accordingly still have an dimportant advantage.

Soccer Club Picks Officers.

The Brooklyn Football Club, at a meeting held yesterday at McIvor's Billiard Academy, in Forty-minin, Street, elected the following officers for the enauting year:

J. H. Adadison, president; W. H. J. H. Adadison, president; W. H. Stille-svice-president; Fred Heller, secretary; O. Bell, assistant secretary; Charles Basker, tressurer; Bert High.

Cline Will Box Rector.

Patry Cline, the Harlem lightweight, has been imatched to meet Young, Rector, of Jersey City, for the rounds at the Arverne Sporting Club, Arverne, Rector, of Jersey City, for the rounds with the famous professional earsman, who as been imatched to meet Young, Rector, Jersey Cline, Jersey City, for the rounds with the famous professional earsman, who as been imatched to meet Young, Rector, Jersey Cline, Jersey City, for the rounds and the Arverne Sporting Club, Arverne, Long land, next Thoday was beaten by Ernest Barry for the Rector, Jersey Cline, Jersey City, for the rounds with the famous professional earsman, who as been imatched to meet Young, Rector, Jersey Cliny, for the rounds with the famous professional earsman, who as maked when Settley called our runner out. This was perfectly right, although the play keep and the blad was hipped to first when the ball was whipped to first when the ball was whipped to first when the ball was perfectly right, although the play was held core. Setley had his back to first when the ball was whipped to first when the ball was perfectly right, although the play was held see the control of the first when the ball was professional as a because of the first when the ball was been secuting for the first when the ball was professional as a because of the first when the ball was been sounted to first when the ball was been secuting for the first of fi